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The Rifle.

As will be noticed from the advertisement appearing in this issue, the Western District Rifle Association will hold their fifteenth annual prize meeting at the Cove range, London, Ont., on the 14th and 15th August. These matches are open to all residents of No. 1 Military District. The corps in the vicinity of London have been hampered by the want of a proper rifle range, and on that account have not participated in the League shooting; but they expect to enter teams next year. In the meantime there is considerable interest shown in rifle matters, and it is expected that the attendance this year will make the Western District meeting worthy of the Association's old-time record.

THE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL MATCHES.

Since last issue we have received the programmes of the P.Q.R.A. annual prize meeting, to take place at the Cote St. Luc ranges, Montreal, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. As the date is so near it is not necessary to notice the events at greater length than to mention the few new features. An additional prize is offered in the "Military" match, this being a challenge cup presented by Lt.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., to be held for a year by the officer commanding the corps whose team makes the highest aggregate in the two series, skirmishing and volley firing. In connection with the newly acquired Carslake challenge trophy, a description of which we published some time ago, there are provided a series of team and individual cash prizes, to be competed for at 200 (standing) 500 and 600 yards, with the Snider, and in uniform. There are five team prizes, ranging from \$30 to \$10, to be awarded for the aggregate scores of ten members of any corps in the Dominion. There are thirty-five individual prizes, amounting to \$218. This match supersedes the Merchants', seven shots at 600 yards. A Revolver Match is introduced, with the targets and scoring of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Revolver Association. Six prizes are offered, the first being a Webley revolver (value \$35) presented by Major Bond, and the others in cash from \$5 to \$1.

THE ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The programme of the O.R.A. matches to be held at Toronto on the 25th August and following days is almost identical with that of last year. One variation is that prizes in cash, instead of in kind, are offered in the extra series matches, of which there are four, one for each rifle at 500 and 600 yards respectively. In each of the 500 yards matches there are twenty-five prizes, amounting to \$127; and in the 600 yards matches nineteen, amounting to \$101. In the Gibson the prize list in the second stage (800 and 900 yards) is extended to twelve prizes and \$125, in place of seven prizes and \$100 as formerly; and this stage is now made open to the fifty highest scorers in the first, in place of the twenty-five. The worthy President, Mr. Wm. Mulock, M.P., receives the deserved compliment of having the Aggregate match named after him. An important new departure, which is sure to be heard of with general satisfaction, is that in all team competitions (except, seemingly, the skirmishing and volley firing) entries are not to be restricted to one team from each organization. The team matches are: Battalion nursery, six members, four prizes; Association, five members, five prizes; Battalion open, eight

members, five prizes; Company, five members, four prizes; Gzowski (skirmishing and volley firing), six members, five prizes each series.

CREEDMOOR.

Receipt of the Creedmoor programmes, the details of which so far as they affect the events open to Canadians we were enabled to give several weeks ago, has revived interest in Major Hood's project of taking a Canadian team there to compete the week following the Dominion matches at Ottawa. Interest centres in the Hilton trophy match, intended to be a great international contest for teams of twelve, but in which the competition has been confined almost exclusively to teams from a few of the States of the Union, or of the various branches of the U.S. Army. The conditions being 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots standing at 200, and any position at other ranges, and the use of any military rifle being permissible, our Martini shots have a great chance to distinguish themselves, and it is to be hoped that a good team will be got together to make the contemplated trip. The trophy has for four years in succession been captured by the Massachusetts riflemen, whose famous team achieved such success in England last year, but these formidable competitors seem to be stepping out, as the following from *Shooting and Fishing* indicates:—

"It will be seen by a letter from Col. H. T. Rockwell, Inspector-General of Rifle Practice of Massachusetts, to Capt. John S. Shepherd, Secretary of the National Rifle Association of America, printed in this issue, that Massachusetts will not be represented by a military team at Creedmoor this year. For a number of years Massachusetts has sent a team of riflemen from her volunteers to contest in interstate competitions. Pennsylvania has also been represented, and sometimes the Army, and intermittingly Connecticut. Other States some years ago ceased to contest with military teams, except New York, which, being at home on this range, was always represented. There is nothing in Col. Rockwell's letter to indicate that dissatisfaction has existed among visiting riflemen, but it is believed that the unsatisfactory mode of conducting the meetings for the past few years has much to do in making the radical changes in the system of rifle practice in Massachusetts, which we understand means regimental matches, and later a State competition between regimental teams. It is reported, although not officially, that Pennsylvania will not send a team to Creedmoor this year, and there is a dubious outlook for the eighteenth annual meeting.

"Col. Rockwell has given due credit to New York for the lead it took in encouraging the instruction of rifle practice among the volunteers, and the successful continuance of a good system, but makes a very significant statement in the following words, 'but the influence of Creedmoor, which was intended to be, and might have been, practically national in its scope, has seriously waned, if it has not entirely vanished.'

"In the opinion of many riflemen, matches at the Creedmoor meeting for which members of the National Guard of New York alone were eligible, were too numerous, and the arrangement of contests has been more to accommodate the home than visiting riflemen. As a result dissatisfaction has arisen and intensified until few riflemen from abroad care to participate in the annual matches at Creedmoor.

"It is hoped that the absence of State teams from Creedmoor this year will bring about a change long desired, which is, to make this organization national in its truest sense. It is hoped suggestions from riflemen outside of the State will be received, and matches so arranged as to bring riflemen from many sections. An entire elimination of any matches to which guardsmen from any one State are eligible is, we think, desirable."

Of the proposed Canadian visit the *New York Times* says: "The Creedmoor meeting this year will derive a greatly increased interest from the presence of a full Canadian team, under the charge of Capt. Hood. An international competition has always proved a popular attraction at the fall prize meeting of the National Rifle Association, but, unfortunately, such a competition has not been secured for it during many years. The prospects of renewing the old contest between British and American riflemen at Creedmoor are also rather faint, and indeed the prizes offered on this side of the water are too small to attract marksmen accustomed to the liberal rewards of Wimbledon, or rather, as we must now say, of Bisley. The time and cost of the ocean voyage, and the subsequent days required for practice, are items of importance, coming so soon after the annual meeting at the Bisley range. But our friends across the border are near at hand, and they have plenty of skilful riflemen. Their team, which has been competing as usual at the July meeting in England, will soon have returned, and that, or a portion of it, would be available for Creedmoor. It contains plenty of good shots, although it did not succeed this year in retaining the Kolapore Cup, which it won last year. At any rate, the Canadians who come will no doubt prove worthy com-

petitors for the Hilton trophy, which has always been open to them, and it is to be hoped that their presence this year will only be the first of a long series of annual visits."

THE MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The annual matches of this corps took place at Cote St. Luc ranges on the 2nd inst. The chief events and chief winners were:

200 yards, 7 shots, 11 prizes: 1st, Stf.-Sgt. Cooper, 30; 11th, 26 points. Nursery prizes, 1st, Gunner Rodgeron, 28; 11th, 7 points. 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots: 1st prize, Sergt. Drysdale, 87; 19th, 62 points. Teams of five contested for Lt.-Col. Oswald's cup, with this result: No. 1 Battery, 337; No. 6 Battery, 334; No. 4 Battery, 333.

400 and 500 yards, 7 shots: 1st prize, Gunner G. Sharpe, 53; 17th, 35 points. Lt.-Col. Turnbull's challenge shield was competed for by teams of five: No. 6 Battery 223, No. 1 Battery 199, No. 4 Battery 197.

Extra Series, 500 yards: Gunner T. Hammond 20; 10th, 15 points.

All-comers Match, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots (prizes from \$10 to \$1): Sgt. J. J. Bell, M.G.A., 88; Sgt. Johnson, 85th, 88; Pte. D. Smith, 5th, 84; Sgt. Riddle, 6th, 84; Mr. Dalrymple, G.T.R., 83; Corp. Armstrong, 6th, 81; Corp. McCrae, Victoria R.C., 81; Corp. Finlayson, M.G.A., 81; S.-Sgt. Anthony, 6th, 81; Pte. T. Pratt, 6th, 81; Gr. Cooke, M.G.A., 80; Sgt. Waters, 6th, 80; Sgt. Lavers, 6th, 80; Pte. McAfee, V.R.C., 79. Three prizes were offered for association teams of five, and the chief team scores were; Grand Trunk 395; M. G.A. 1st team 379; 6th Fusiliers 377; M.G.A. 2nd team 369; 5th Royal Scots 369.

The aggregate winners were: D.C.R.A. medal, Gr. G. Cooke, 243; P.Q.R.A. badge, Sergt. Drysdale, 236; marksman's badges, Gr. G. Sharpe, 229; Stf.-Sgt. Wilson, 222.

QUEEN'S OWN COMPANY MATCHES.

No. 6 Company Q.O.R. held their annual rifle match Saturday, 26th July, at Garrison Common. There was a very good turnout of the members, one of the best in the history of the company, but the day was a little unfavourable for good scoring, as the wind was gusty and blowing strong across the ranges.

1st. Nursery match, ranges 200 and 400 yards, 5 shots at each. Open to members who have never won a prize at any rifle match:—\$5, Pte. Crate, 33; \$3, Pte. McKenzie, 29; \$2, Pte. Agnew, 22; \$1.50, Pte. Rice, 22; \$1.50, Pte. Bedford-Jones, 20; \$1, Pte. Marsh, 19.

2nd. General match, ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 shots at each. 1, Challenge cup and Capt. McGee's medal, \$65, Pte. Davison 62; 2, Lieut. Lee's medal, \$15, Corpl. Bryant 54; 3, Lieut. Wyatt's prize, Sergt. Agnew 51; 4, \$8, Corpl. Cockburn 46; 5, \$6, Corpl. Saunders 45; 6, \$5, Pte. Campbell 44; 7, \$4, Pte. Tew 42; 8, \$3, Pte. McKenzie 41; 9, \$2.50, Pte. Agnew 38; 10, \$2.50, Pte. Fenwick 38; 11, \$2, Lieut. Wyatt 36; 12, \$2, Sergt. Ham 36; 13, \$1.50, Pte. Crate 35; 14, \$1.50, Corpl. Godfrey 34; 15, \$1, Pte. Marsh 31; 16, \$1, Bugler Cottrell 31.

Skirmishing match, 7 shots advancing from about 450 yards—1, \$4, Sergt. Agnew 28; 2, \$3, Lieut. Wyatt 27; 3, \$2.50, Pte. Tew 26; 4, \$2, Pte. Agnew 22; 5, \$2, Sergt. George 21; 6, \$1.50, Corpl. Cockburn 17; 7, \$1.50, Bugler Cottrell 17; 8, \$1, Pte. McKenzie 16; 9, \$1, Pte. McKay 16; 10, \$1, Pte. Fenwick 16.

Revolver match, 7 shots, rules and targets of Q.O.R. Revolver Association—1, Sergt. Agnew 30; 2, Corpl. Bryant 19; 3, Lieut. Wyatt 18; 4, Pte. McKay 9.

The Military Rifle League.

The greatest surprise of the season must have been experienced all over the Dominion when the telegraphic returns of the sixth League match, fired on Saturday last, were received. All previous records were cast in the shade by a total of 885 achieved by the 53rd Battalion team, the ten men equalling with the Snider the best Martini average made by the picked marksmen of the Empire in the Kolapore Cup competitions. The 53rd were not alone in their glory, however, three other teams being close up with scores in advance of any previously recorded, the 45th Bowmanville team having 875; 13th Battalion 873; 54th Battalion 860, and many others passing 800. All these teams reported perfect weather, but those lower on the list seem to have experienced the usual difficulties with the wind, light and atmosphere. It will be noticed that the 54th are still safe at the top; the 53rd are confirmed in second place; the 13th and the 45th Bowmanville have moved up each a place to third and fourth, and the Halifax Garrison Artillery have dropped two places to fifth.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

The teams are given below in the order in which they now stand, the team totals of the six matches being published, together with the

aggregate. Next week the individual totals of the sixth match will be given; the teams then being placed in the order of their scores in it. This is how they now stand in the aggregate:—

	May 17.	May 31.	June 14.	July 12.	July 26.	Aug. 2.	Aggre gate.
1. 54th Battalion	807	799	830	788	841	860	4925
2. 53rd Battalion	683	724	795	849	843	885	4779
3. 13th Battalion	688	775	749	813	841	873	4739
4. 45th Battalion, Bowmanville	623	755	814	802	851	875	4720
5. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 1st team	797	757	817	771	738	831	4711
6. 21st Battalion	625	820	737	806	812	847	4647
7. 96th Battalion	677	747	701	829	781	848	4583
8. 45th Battalion, Lindsay	652	769	722	776	825	812	4556
9. 12th Battalion	648	744	754	746	780	802	4474
10. 63rd Battalion	756	696	738	759	751	771	4471
11. Queen's Own Rifles, 1st team	622	657	769	815	754	793	4410
12. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 1st team	638	732	776	729	753	754	4382
13. 43rd Battalion, 1st team	576	738	797	788	703	762	4364
14. 82nd Battalion	610	757	735	739	760	745	4346
15. Gov. General's Foot Guards, 1st team	614	731	766	790	709	719	4329
16. B Battery R. C. A.	748	767	647	769	760	636	4327
17. 8th Royal Rifles	634	799	641	707	721	777	4279
18. Victoria Rifles, 1st team	528	733	758	784	711	716	4230
19. 62nd Fusiliers	598	681	708	694	734	789	4204
20. Saskatchewan Rifle Assn.	738	619	675	656			
21. 57th Battalion	688	694	691	694	721	689	4177
22. Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd team	569	680	646	739	724	776	4134
23. Charlottetown Engineers	653	633	678	675	739	720	4098
24. 6th Fusiliers, 1st team	512	637	723	728	736	731	4067
25. F. Division N. W. M. P.	616	633	676	726	675	726	4052
26. P. E. I. Garrison Artillery	551	672	635	733	756	732	4039
27. Montreal Garrison Artillery	439	665	651	740	749	739	3983
28. 90th Battalion	628	600	739	695	720	593	3975
29. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 2nd team	600	600	644	671	694	680	3889
30. 5th Royal Scots, 1st team	448	608	723	695	679		
31. 43rd Battalion, 2nd team	528	630	652	712	613	660	3795
32. 35th Battalion, Orillia team	413	482	652	711	672		
33. 9th Battalion	403	622	617	631	634	664	3571
34. 6th Fusiliers, 2nd team	427	544	631	601	642	690	3535
35. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 2nd team	526	565	595	611	611	627	3535
36. A Battery R. C. A.	414	559	618	595	622	669	3477
37. 38th Battalion	390	507	564	645	659	671	3436
38. 44th Battalion	395	634	657	561	562	562	3371
39. C Company I. S. C.	511	468	594	529	613	642	3357
40. Gov. General's Foot Guards, 2nd team		569	689	729	643	587	3217
41. Regina Rifle Assn.	571	465	412	564	488	651	3151
42. 49th Battalion		455	606	726	763		
43. B Company I. S. C.	317	437	461	562	559	589	2925
44. 14th Battalion	424	570	485	487	437	522	2925
45. Victoria Rifles, 2nd team	257	421	478	532	543	596	2829
46. 5th Royal Scots, 2nd team	292	426	526	614	387		
47. Governor General's Body Guard	325	462	490	484	505	518	2784
48. 1st P. W. R., 1st team	254	389	386	571	434	487	2521
49. 37th Battalion	491	590	589			622	2292
50. 35th Battalion, Barrie team	356	447			467		
51. 65th Battalion	139	238	332	318	218		
52. 1st P. W. R., 2nd team		209		249	182		

No returns have been received from the teams whose totals are left blank.

ANOTHER ANCIENT SCORE.

The score sheets of the 82nd Battalion for the fourth match, fired by that team on the 5th July, arrived this week. The details are as follows: Capt. Geo. Crockett 85, Capt. D. L. Hooper 83, Sgt. D. Mc-Millan 82, Sgt. John Crockett 80, Capt. D. Stewart 77, Sgt. M. Allan 69, Corp. H. Hooper 66, Sgt. B. C. Prowse 66, Pte. H. Henderson 66, Lieut. J. Allen 65; totals 283, 262, 194—739.

NOTES.

There has been general complaint about the incompleteness of the telegraphic returns, and inquiry made of the telegraph company elicits the information that the team captains are at fault, as many of them regularly neglect to hand in their scores.

Mr. Brainerd, of the Hamilton Powder Company, has presented a beautiful sporting rifle, valued at \$50, to the League team of the 54th Battalion, to be awarded for the best Nursery aggregate.

The Orillia team of the 35th Battalion could not fire the sixth match on the 2nd inst., as upon arriving at the range they found the target to have been completely demolished. It is supposed the mischief was done by small boys who bathe in the vicinity.

The 98 made by Pte. Morkell of the 53rd, and which seemed sure to win him the Foster and Mitchell prizes for the best single match score, was displaced on Saturday last, at Kingston, by a Nursery shot who has put this wonderful score to his credit:—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	T'l
Stf.-Sgt. Bridgeford, A Bat R.C.A.	5545555—34	5555454—33	5454545—32	99

This score, a remarkable Snider record, is vouched for by the team captain, Capt. V. B. Rivers, R.C.A., and by the range officer, Sergt. W. Swaine, 47th Bn.

Detailed Scores of the Fifth Match.

In publishing the individual scores of the fifth match, supplemental to the team totals given last week, we have these changes in and addition to the latter to make in accordance with the official returns:—62nd Fusiliers, scored 734; 90th Battalion, scored 720, not 700; Halifax Garrison Artillery, second team, scored 694, not 693; 10th Royal Grenadiers second team, scored 611, not 612; Regina Rifle Association, scored 488; Governor-General's Foot Guards second team, scored 643, not 637; Governor-General's Body Guard, scored 505, not 503; Prince of Wales Regiment second team, scored 182, not 192.

[FIFTH MATCH, FIRED 26TH JULY. 200, 500 AND 600 YARDS, SEVEN SHOTS, SNIDER RIFLES.]

FORTY-FIFTH BATTALION ROWMANVILLE TEAM.

Weather, clear, warm; light, very bright; wind, variable, 2 to 5 o'clock; fouling, dry, hard. Remarks: "Elevation at 500 and 600 yards, no variation; slight changes in wind, carrying some shots back and forth across the target; on the whole very favourable light and weather for good shooting; best day on our range this season for good all round shooting." Captain of team, Capt. W. S. Russell; range officer, Capt. W. P. Milligan, Durham Field Battery.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Forty-Fifth Battalion Rومانville Team. Includes Major J. Hughes, Pte. J. Sando, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Fifty-Third Battalion. Includes Lieut. R. J. Spearing, Stf.-Sgt. C. H. Clark, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Ninety-Sixth Battalion. Includes Capt. M. N. Garland, Pte. J. E. Emmerson, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Thirteenth Battalion. Includes Stf.-Sgt. E. Skedden, Lieut. A. Pain, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Twelfth Battalion. Includes Stf.-Sgt. J. H. Simpson, Lieut. J. Lanskaill, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Fifty-Fourth Battalion. Includes Pte. W. Andrews, Lieut. M. H. Healy, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Forty-Ninth Battalion. Includes Lt. W. H. Biggar, Pte. J. Robertson, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Lindsay Team of the Forty-Fifth Battalion. Includes Major S. Hughes, Pte. W. Passmore, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Eighty-Second Battalion. Includes Capt. D. Stewart, Pte. H. Henderson, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Twenty-First Battalion. Includes Pte. S. B. Green, Corp. T. Dresser, etc.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for B Battery R.C.A. Includes Gr. W. Morrison, Br. F. Clements, etc.

Table for P. E. I. GAR. ARTILLERY and Queen's Own Rifles, 1st Team. Includes Stf.-Sgt. T. Mitchell, Col.-Sgt. Fowler, etc.

Table for Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd Team and Fifty-Seventh Battalion. Includes Stf.-Sgt. W. A. Mason, Capt. R. M. Dennistoun, etc.

Table for Tenth Royal Grenadiers, First Team and Sixty-Third Battalion. Includes Lt.-Col. T. J. Walsh, Sgt. M. C. Mumford, etc.

Table for Eighth Royal Rifles. Includes Col.-Sgt. J. Goudie, Sgt. A. Douglas, Lieut. W. H. Davidson, etc.

Table for Montreal Garrison Artillery. Includes Gr. G. Sharpe, Gr. C. Cooke, Sgt. J. Drysdale, etc.

Table for Ninetieth Battalion. Includes Stf.-Sgt. Mitchell, Pte. H. A. Costigan, Stf.-Sgt. Ross, etc.

Table for Charlottetown Engineers. Includes Spr. H. Anderson, Capt. W. A. Weeks, Sgt. J. M. Davison, etc.

Table for Victoria Rifles, First Team. Includes Pte. N. Macfarlane, Lieut. M. Pope, Corp. K. Mathews, etc.

Table for Halifax Garrison Artillery, First Team. Includes Bmbr. A. Fader, Sgt.-Major S. Case, Capt. J. Maxwell, etc.

Table for Gov.-Gen.'s Foot Guards, First Team. Includes Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Corp. J. P. Nutting, Pte. R. Tink, etc.

Table for Sixth Fusiliers, First Team. Includes Sgt. J. Riddle, Col.-Sgt. J. W. Marks, Sgt. J. Waters, etc.

Table for Forty-Third Battalion, First Team. Includes Stf.-Sgt. A. Pink, Maj. A. P. Sherwood, Major J. Wright, etc.

Table for Sixty-Second Fusiliers (Fired 31st July). Includes Pte. C. T. Burns, Sgt.-Major D. Connolly, Lieut. S. B. Lordly, etc.

Table for Halifax Garrison Artillery, Second Team. Includes Gr. J. D. McEachren, Sgt. Byers, Gr. Watson, etc.

elevation on the rifle achieved most remarkable results from the target. On the third day this state of things became unendurable and a visit was paid by some to the (now almost obliterated) targets, when it was found that all kinds of paper had been used to patch. White on the bullseye, black and yellow pieces of newspaper, etc., on the white, and instead of being clean pasted they were stuck on at the corner and the ends left flying. Various shot-holes had not been patched up at all. All this, coupled with the fact that with one exception the range officers had never been on a range before, was very dissatisfying to practical marksmen. Now, we would like to see a match well run, but fate seems to have ordained otherwise for the M. R. A.

There is another matter which we would not mention, as it is out of the province of the shootist, but as its effects were seriously felt at the matches we must broach the subject. We like sociality, and admire genuine good times; but when it takes in the whole night it is stretching the social cord too tight. And when the adjuncts to good feeling bring on headaches, and totally unfit the votaries of "good feeling" for duties next day, the cost is too great. We have no particular objection to hilarious speeches and "chestnuts" about all the great deeds done in the flesh at Fish Creek or Batoche, nor for the various harmless demonstrations of affection indulged in after shooting hours, but we do strongly object to forcing the festivities on the unwilling attention of the more sober-minded competitors on the range next day. We trust that these few remarks will have a good effect on what might become one of our finest provincial rifle associations.

BUCKSHOT.

Regimental and Other News.

The usual large crowd that visits St. Helen's Island every Sunday was greatly augmented yesterday afternoon by the visitors to the camp of the Montreal Field Battery, who went under canvas for their usual yearly drill of twelve days on Saturday morning. The battery is camping on the Government reservation, and their tents, which are pitched close down by the water's edge, add greatly to the picturesqueness of the island as seen from the city. The battery went into camp about half-past four, everything being put into ship-shape a few minutes after the camp was reached. The battery presented a magnificent appearance as they marched to the boat from the drillshed, many complimentary remarks being made by those who saw them. New busbies have been served out to the men, and they greatly add to their already heretofore fine appearance. The men's tents are pitched under the trees close to the water's edge, those of the officers being behind them on the rising ground. The men are a fine soldierly looking lot and the battery is exceptionally well horsed; and Lieut.-Col. Stevenson is to be complimented on the appearance of his battery. There was no drill on Saturday, but it will be started early this morning, and the twelve days will not be made a picnic of. The camp is lighted by electricity, an engine and dynamo having been sent over by the Royal Electric Light Co. Dances are to be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. A boat leaves the Island wharf for the camp at 8 o'clock every evening, returning at 10 p.m., and the officers and men hope that their friends will take advantage of this opportunity and visit them *en masse*, they willingly promising a good time. The following are the officers in camp: Lieut.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, in command; Capt. J. S. Hall, M.P.P.; Lieut. Hooper, Lieut. Costigan, Surgeon-Major Dr. Finlay, Veterinary Surgeon Dr. McEachran.—*Montreal Gazette*, 4th August.

British Columbia.

Batteries 2, 3 and 4, B. C. B. G. A., on the 26th July came through their annual inspection by the D. A. G., with flying colours. There were about 100 rank and file who assembled at the drill-shed at 1.30 o'clock, and marched thence to the parade ground at Beacon Hill, where Lt.-Col. Holmes, D.A.G., and his A.D.C., Capt. Ogilvie, soon made their appearance, and were received with a general salute. The batteries were put through the various formations of battalion and company drill, by Major Nicholles; in all their work showing themselves well up in their drill and prompt in the execution of the various orders. As usual with the Victoria batteries, the marching was especially good, the batteries stepping like veterans, even without music. In "halting" there was a little hesitancy, and the evenness of the line in motion was broken. The march past and the marching in review order fully merited the compliment paid the men by the inspecting officer, who also took occasion to refer favourably to the appearance of the respective batteries.

After inspection the three batteries proceeded to Clover Point range, where a skirmishing match took place between 20 men selected from each battery. No. 3 Battery opened the competition, followed by Nos. 2 and 4, with the following results:—No. 2 Battery, 13 bull's-eyes, 20 inners, 93 outers; Total 298 points. No. 3 Battery, 13 bull's-eyes, 13 inners, 94 outers; Total 279 points. No. 4 Battery, 13 bull's-eyes, 6 inners, 85 outers; Total 140 points.

THE "PSYCHO" SAFETY

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Church parade was on Sunday, the 27th July, when a fair turnout was made, headed by C Battery band, the three batteries marching to St. John's Church, where an appropriate sermon was preached.

The prize list of the British Columbia Rifle Association has just been issued and contains fourteen events besides five extra series. The money offered in prizes is good and no doubt will induce a big gathering of rifle shots from all over the Province. This is the seventeenth annual prize meeting. His Honour the Lt.-Governor is Patron. The President is Lt.-Col. Prior, the popular and respected officer now in command of the Canadian team at Bisley. The matches will be held at Goldstream, a place on the railway about 10 miles from the City of Victoria. A train will leave at 8 a.m. and return in the evening each of the four days, namely the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of August.

A rifle team of five men will represent this Province at Ottawa this year. "BLACK PRINCE."

Belleville.

This year the 15th Battalion experienced their first trip abroad, having visited Toronto for two days during the summer carnival. They left by special train on Monday evening, June 30th, and arrived home Thursday morning, July 3rd. As "Breech-Block" has already favoured the readers of the GAZETTE with an account of the part the military took in the proceedings, a repetition by me is unnecessary. Suffice it to say that the 15th enjoyed themselves, both officers and men. Too much credit cannot be accorded the officers of the gallant Q. O. R. for the happy manner in which they entertained the officers of the visiting corps at the Reform Club rooms, Tuesday evening, July 1st.

The annual inspection of the 15th Battalion was held Monday afternoon, July 7th. Before marching from the drill shed the rolls were called by Capt. Strange, District Paymaster; they then proceeded to the hospital lot, where the inspection took place. The D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Van Straubensee, was received with a general salute, the band playing the National Anthem. After arms were shouldered he passed through the ranks, being accompanied by Lt.-Cols. Lazier and Lewis, and inspected the accoutrements, &c. The battalion were afterwards put through the manual exercise by Major Henderson, and the firing exercise by acting Major Ponton. It had been threatening rain all afternoon, and during the latter exercise it began to come down in torrents, accompanied by deafening claps of thunder and very sharp lightning. As soon as possible the battalion returned to the drill shed by the shortest route, but before they arrived there all received a drenching. After a few remarks by Col. Lazier the companies were dismissed.

Lt.-Col. Lewis, Brigade Major, remained over until Thursday 10th, when he inspected the armouries of the 15th, and the armoury of No. 1 Co. 49th Hastings Rifles. I see the old gentleman received some injuries through an accident last week over in Prince Edward County; I trust they will not prove serious.

Major T. C. Lazier, Adjutant R. E. Lazier and Lieut. S. D. Lazier, three brothers, and all of the 15th, are enjoying their holidays in the Old Country.

Capt. J. E. Halliwell left on Thursday morning, 24th, for London, Ont., where he is going to take a special course at D Infantry School.

A base ball match was played on the agricultural grounds Wednesday afternoon, 23rd, between a picked team from Nos. 4 and 6 Companies. It resulted in a victory for No. 4 team.

Mr. H. G. Parker, formerly of Belleville, but late of London, Eng., delivered a lecture in the Opera house on Monday evening, 21st, for the benefit of the 15th Battalion. A large and fashionable audience were present to listen to the eloquent lecturer. Lt.-Col. Lazier occupied the chair, and in a few well chosen remarks introduced the lecturer of the evening, who had chosen for his subject, "Under All Flags." Having travelled extensively since he left Belleville, some five years ago and seen human life and nature in its various forms in the various countries which he has visited, he was enabled to depict it to the audience in a manner pleasing and eloquent. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. J. B. Flint, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. George, and was carried unanimously. The full silver band of the regiment was present and discoursed several selections. Before the lecture began a squad of picked men from A Co. performed the physical drill with arms, also the new bayonet exercise, attack and defence. They were under the instruction of Sergt.-Major McRae, and are to be complimented for the manner in which they discharged the rather tedious exercise, which was performed with accuracy and precision and reflects great credit on the instructor and themselves. "ARGYLE."

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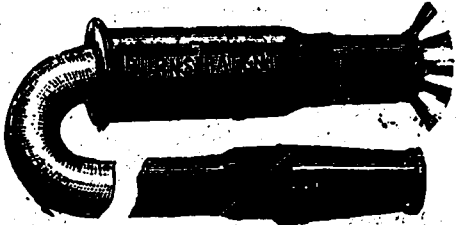
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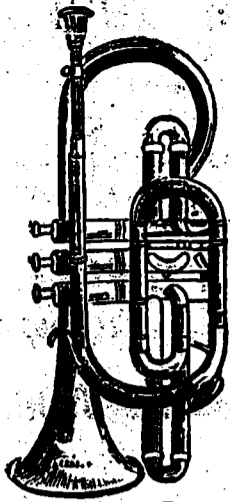
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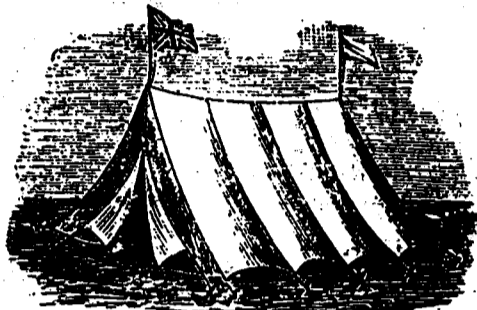
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